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The reply filed on 9/21/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

(1) The 35 USC 112 rejection of record clearly stated that the preamble of the claim must be consistent with the organization of claimed elements under the preamble. Applicant has amended claim 1 such that the preamble claims only an apparatus for pulling line (not an apparatus for pulling line in combination with the line) but the organization of elements under that preamble contain the apparatus for pulling the line in combination with the line. Applicant has not argued why this amendment provides consistency of the preamble with the elements recited under the preamble. In this sense applicant's response is found to be incomplete.

(2) Page 6 of applicant's remarks states that applicant "traverses" the 35USC112 rejection. Applicant is advised on the record that all traversals by applicant of a rejection that are not accompanied with reasons for the traversal of the rejection are considered to be response without traverse of the rejection. The lack of reasons for applicant's traversal is considered to be an incomplete response.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 571 272-4498. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 571 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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